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SUBJECT:PRESS GUIDANCE ON VIETNAMESE PILOT DEFECTORS

DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE TO BE USED  
ON OR AFTER 9 A.M. MARCH 25 WASHINGTON TIME ON VIETNAMESE  
PILOTS WHO FLED TO SINGAPORE. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WILL  
USE GUIDANCE ON STRICT "IF ASKED" BASIS. POSTS ARE ALSO  
AUTHORIZED TO USE GUIDANCE ON SAME BASIS:

Q: HAVE THE TWO VIETNAMESE PILOTS WHO FLED BY MILITARY PLANE TO SINGAPORE ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES.

A: YES, THEY ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES YESTERDAY (MARCH 24). THEY RECEIVED FROM THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE SPECIAL PAROLE STATUS FOR DIRECT ENTRY INTO THE U.S. AS REFUGEES.

Q: DID THEY RECEIVE SPECIAL TREATMENT AS DEFECTORS?

A: NO. AS I SAID, THEY HAVE ENTERED AS REFUGEES.

Q: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

A: I DO NOT PLAN TO DISCUSS THEIR PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. THEY ARE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Q: HAS HANOI SAID ANYTHING YET ABOUT THEIR DEFECTION?

A: WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY SRV REACTION.

Q: WHAT WILL THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE DO WITH THE D-47 THEY FLEW OUT OF VIETNAM?

A: I DO NOT KNOW. THAT IS UP TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE.

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Q: WASN'T THIS ONE OF OUR PLANES? ARE WE ASKING FOR ITS RETURN?

A: NO, WE HAVE NOT ASSERTED A CLAIM TO MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS BEEN BROUGHT OUT OF SOUTH VIETNAM SINCE THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT.

(ONLY IF PRESSED)

Q: WILL THEY BE DEBRIEFED?

A: YES.  
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